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EIC Coordination of Proposed CIA/RR External Research Project on  
"Economic Development in the Eastern European Satellites."

1. The IAC agency representatives of the Economic Intelligence Committee have reviewed the subject project and have reported that it does not duplicate intelligence work which is currently being undertaken by their departments.

2. Special interest in the project was expressed by the EIC representative for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He stated that the project as formulated was excellent and that the Joint Chiefs have a particular interest in those aspects of the study which relate to the potential of the USSR for waging economic warfare against the West. On the other hand, the representative for the State Department reported that it was an exceedingly ambitious project and expressed some doubt as to whether it could be accomplished.

3. Detailed comments as to departmental interest were not expressed by the representatives of the Army, Navy, or Air Force.

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